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In re Application of
Backes, et al.
Application No. 10/781,121
Filed: February 18, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 160-031

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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition renewed under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 2, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned May 22, 2007 for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed February 21, 2007. The non-final Office action set a three month shortened statutory period of time for reply. This decision precedes Notice of Abandonment.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the required reply, (2) the required petition fee, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2616 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply to the non-final Office action.

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